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Mostly sunny with a high of 64 and a low of 41.

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Partly cloudy with a high of 69 and a low of 43.

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Mostly sunny with a high of 62 and low of 44.

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Mike Ohlsson

## Elections 2002

# MWC To Get \$18.4 Million For Buildings

## \$900 Million Bond Vote Passes

By ALBERT KUGEL  
News Editor

It's 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday and freshman Lucy De Los Reyes has been outside Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3103 on Princess Anne St., one of four places in the Fredericksburg area where voters could cast their ballots, for over an hour. De Los Reyes has been passing out material on the bond referendum that gave Mary Washington College \$18.4 million to improve and renovate campus buildings.

According to the Office of College Relations, with the Higher Education Bond being passed yesterday, it brings just over \$900 million for the governor to spend exclusively on post-secondary schools in Virginia as well as museums and cultural attractions. Fredericksburg.com reported that the bond was passed clinching just over 70 percent of the vote, equaling over one million voters.

According to college officials, the referendum will help to modernize all public and community colleges preparing them for the estimated 32,000 students to enroll in higher education in the next 10 years. College officials agreed that the passing of the referendum could help Mary Washington College by getting much-needed renovations to academic and administrative buildings.

"We have a triple-A bond rating. I have full faith [in] Virginia that the bonds will be paid back," President of Mary

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Philip Griffiths/Bulletin  
SGA President Meredith Johnston (right) and Assistant Director of News and Information Services Teresa Mannix campaigned for the bond referendum. Lee Hall will receive \$10.5 million for renovations.

## Professor: Why Republicans Won

By PHILLIP GRIFFITH  
News Editor

Junior Marylander Mike Bonsiero is a Democrat from a state where there are three Democrats for every one Republican. However, in Maryland's Governor's race on Tuesday, Bonsiero said he would not have voted for the Democratic candidate.

"I would have voted for [Republican Bob] Ehrlich," Bonsiero said. "[Democratic candidate] Kathleen Kennedy Townsend doesn't give off a vibe of leadership. I think that she has a lot of her career based on the fact that she's a Kennedy and she's got a lot of money."

In a night filled with Republican victories, Republican Ehrlich won the election to be the first Republican Governor of Maryland in 40 years. Republicans also took control of the U.S. Senate and held onto the U.S. House of Representatives. While Democrats lost the Senate, they took solace in the fact that they did gain several key gubernatorial positions throughout the country.

While College Democrats are confused about the elections and College Republicans are pleased, according to Associate Professor of Political Science Stephen Farnsworth, in this election Democrats made mistakes and the Republicans did not. Also, according to Farnsworth, a failed sales tax referendum in northern Virginia will have implications throughout the state.

"When elections happen, somebody does something to win and somebody does

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# Reagan Elected Honor Council President With Over 400 Votes

By LINDSAY BEATON  
Assistant News Editor

On Wednesday October 30, Junior Honor Council Vice President Brian Reagan won the election for Honor Council president with 418 of the 725 votes cast.

"I thought [the election] went fairly well," said Reagan. "It was a clean, fair race."

Campaigning for the position began after former president John Hardin resigned in September.

Election day was a success, according to those involved.

"We were really happy with the turnout," said Justine Posluszny, co-chair of the Rules and Procedures Committee on the Senate. "We're really excited because it was only one position and so many people came to vote. I was going to be happy with 500 people."

Senior Tim Sheils, a representative on the Honor Council who was the runner-up in the elections with 154 votes, said that he agreed with the others.

"I think the percentage of people who voted [is] more than [the percentage of] people who vote in the United States, so I can't be too terribly upset," he said. "I wish more people would always turn out."

Posluszny and Sophomore Erin Price, the other co-chair of the Rules and Procedures Committee, said that they were also pleased that five people ran for the position of president this time around.

"Our work actually matters," Posluszny said.

Reagan said he has many aspirations for the Honor Council.

"I think my main focus is to get the public involved and get insight," he said.

"I'd like to know what students think about Honor Council, what they want changed and what they'd like to see the council do."

He also expressed his hopes for the upcoming Honor Awareness Week.

"I want everyone to come to our activities," Reagan said. "Hopefully it will go well."

Sheils said that he thinks that running for president was a great experience in and of itself.

"I was never big on buttons and stickers and such," he said. "Instead, I just kind of walked around and talked to people [while campaigning]. I got a real good feeling. I like to speak plainly, openly and honestly. I got great feedback on how people feel about the Honor Council."

Sophomore Anna Khandrueva said that Sheils' approach was one of the reasons why she considered voting for him.

"I wanted to vote for either [Reagan] or [Sheils]," she said. "[Reagan] because I read the article about him and I knew that he was really good in action. But I also wanted to vote for [Sheils] because he took the time to go door-to-door introducing himself to people and because he had a very impressive list of credentials."

Price said that they're using the success of this race to their advantage.

"We really want to promote this, to promote voting," she said. "We are using this election as practice for the major elections in the spring. We're hoping for a thousand people to turn out and vote. If our numbers for one position were this high, we are very optimistic about the spring numbers."

An in-council vote will be held this coming Sunday to determine who will replace Reagan as vice president.



Philip Griffiths/Bulletin

Students at the Eagle's Nest at noon. Most food is stolen at the Nest from noon to 2 p.m.

# Robbing From The Nest

## Five Students Caught Stealing Every Week

By SUZANNE GALLAGHER  
Staff Writer

In one week, the Eagle's Nest lost approximately \$500 during lunch each day.

According to Peter Labrecque, general manager of Wood Dining Services at Mary Washington College, this year's food cost has been running 2 to 4 percent higher than the same time last year.

"We attribute this, in part, to potential theft," Labrecque said.

He said each week, about five people are caught stealing each week. Their names are taken and they are each given formal warnings and required to pay for whatever food they take. The dining services, said Labrecque, has been forced to take certain measures, such as moving various food items to less accessible locations, in an attempt to stop this problem.

According to Labrecque, during prime

meal time, such as the hours of noon to 2 p.m. for lunch, the Eagle's Nest is extremely crowded. As a result, he said, there is no way for the staff to have a clear view of all areas of the facility, potentially increasing the likelihood of theft.

Labrecque said that since the student body has significantly increased this year, the crowds at the Eagle's Nest have also increased.

"Sales at the Nest are up an average of \$2,000 to \$5,000 per week as compared to this time last year. We attribute this to higher enrollment," Labrecque said.

The staff is not always able to accommodate such a large number of people. According to Labrecque, while the managers are supposed to monitor the floor, if there is a staff shortage or a large demand for food at a particular time, this is not always possible.

"Really, during such instances, we have

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## Police Beat

By PORTSIA SMITH  
Assistant News Editor



Oct. 30—Between 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., a CD player was removed from the backpack of a student in Simpson Library. The student left her backpack on the second floor of the library while she walked to the Campus Center. When she came back the CD player was missing. There were no witnesses and the case is under investigation.

## Wood Loses Thousands From Theft

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no control over who was taking what," Labrecque said.

Students agree with the staff that overcrowding and a lack of staff may be contributing to the problem.

"It would be really easy to steal from the Nest," said freshman Drew Hebble. You can grab stuff and walk out and no one would ever know," Freshman Grant Lahmann agreed.

"It's so inefficient," he said. "The way it is organized, it sets itself up to be scammed. There's no easy in and out. It's easy for people to take advantage of it."

Karen Pardal, production manager of the Eagle's Nest, agrees that theft is a major problem.

"I have seen it happen on a daily basis," she said. "Last week there were no managers able to monitor the floor. When we lose \$1,000 a day just during lunch time, my food costs skyrocket." Mike Ohlsson, student manager at the Eagle's Nest, agreed with Pardal.

"A lot of people wouldn't do it in a 'real' place, but they don't consider this to be 'real,'" Ohlsson said. "We pay about \$2,000 a week for candy, and people just stand there and eat it without paying."

He said some people eat the candy directly out of the containers, while others eat it while they are waiting in line to pay for their meals and neglect to tell the cashier about their extra purchases. According to Labrecque, \$1,000 a week is lost on the bulk candy.

Also, small plastic cups are available to the students at the cash register. The cups are free and are to be used only for water. However, Pardal stated that students fill these cups with sodas and iced tea from the fountains without paying. According to Pardal, this and other conveniences currently enjoyed by the students will have to be removed in order to reduce the possibility of theft.

Labrecque said that she thinks shortcomings on the management side have allowed this to happen.

"This is only speculation, and no one has been caught, but I think some of our employees and student workers may not always ring something

up," Labrecque said. "Also, some may be taking food for themselves."

In an attempt to curb the problem of staff and student theft, the cashiers are now required to give receipts to each student when they have paid for their meal.

"There is no way for me to verify sales without those receipts being passed out," Labrecque said. "Handing out receipts helps to save time and to give the staff a more solid way to ensure that people have paid for their food. This process has been moderately effective."

Labrecque said that the receipts also serve as a mandatory audit component for the cashiers, allowing the purchases to be tracked and the students to verify that their meal was rung up correctly.

"Getting a receipt may take a little longer, but it is worth it to make sure that I was charged the right amount," said junior Meghan Mascelli.

Labrecque said the Eagle's Nest has also been rearranged to ensure that items with a higher likelihood of being stolen, such as candy, are closer to the cashier. He said the bulk candy is now immediately next to the cashier station.

"Without a doubt we have seen significant improvement since moving the candy," Labrecque said. "One order of candy used to last two days and now lasts almost four."

In addition to mandatory receipt distribution and reorganization of the facility, Labrecque said the Eagle's Nest is now fully staffed for the first time this year, hiring three new managers in the last week of October.

"This has a big part to do with monitoring the Nest and will hopefully decrease instances of theft," Labrecque said.

Also, the managers have been assigned to monitor the floor during peak periods in an attempt to lessen the temptation for people to steal, said Labrecque.

"Students pay the college and the college pays Wood," Labrecque said. "If the money is not paid when the food is taken, then Wood does not get paid, even though students have already purchased their meal plans through the school. We lose money and we lose food."



## XXX Game Gets Thumbs-Down From Retailers

LOS ANGELES—Acclaim Entertainment's new video game "BMX XXX" is going to have to clean up its act if the company wants any sales. Nudity in the game, strippers, pimps and coarse language have led many major retailers to refuse to put it on their shelves, reported Reuters on Tuesday. Acclaim Chief Executive Gregory Fischbach said that the changes they decided to make to the soon-to-be-released edited Sony version were "done with good taste and in humor." One of these edits was to put "BMX XXX" in black lettering over the tops of the previously nude females and to get rid of the option to create a topless woman as a character. Unedited version of the game will still be released for Microsoft Corp.'s Xbox and Nintendo Co., Ltd.'s Game Cube. The game carries a 'Mature' rating, which means it is not recommended for anyone under the age of 17.

## 82 Years of Voting with 105 Years of Experience

SHELTON, Conn.—Effie Hobby first voted in the fall of 1920, at the age of 23. It was the first time women were ever allowed to vote nationwide and she has been voting ever since. She did not have much to do with the fight leading to the passing of the 19th Amendment on Aug. 26 of that year, she told the Associated Press, but she didn't miss her chance to vote. "I was always taught that [voting] was one of those things we should do. It's a privilege to vote," Hobby said. A lifelong Republican, she cast her first vote with Warren G. Harding and Calvin Coolidge, helping them defeat Democrats James Cox and Franklin Roosevelt. This year she voted absentee from Wesley Village, the nursing home where she's lived for 15 years. She chose Republican Gov. John G. Rowland over Democrat Bill Curry.

## Robber Shown Who's Boss

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.—Cashier Cathy Harris was working her shift at 7-Eleven when a man came in and demanded money. So, she told him to get on the floor. She dropped her cash drawer on the floor and told the thief that if he wanted any money he'd have to get it himself, reported the Associated Press. "She told him, 'If you want the money, you pick it up,'" store owner Katie Nelson said. The man, who had a bandana over his face and said that he was armed, got away with \$36, but not until after Harris hit him with a stapler. Harris was reprimanded by Nelson. "You're supposed to be scared, not angry," Nelson said. "I was concerned about her safety. She's a very brave person."

## This Wasn't In The Lesson Plan

EULESS, Texas—Rhonda Schafer hadn't planned on deviating from her plan in her early childhood development class, but her child had ideas of its own. Schafer managed to get her students, ages three and four, out of her Bear Creek Elementary School classroom and had time to call for the nurse before delivering her daughter behind her desk at 2:30 p.m., only five minutes after she went into labor. "It was a very nice, quiet environment, if you can imagine that at an elementary school," Fire Department spokeswoman Christine Cox said. Medics arrived just in time to cut the cord. Mother and daughter were in "perfect health" at Baylor Medical Center at Grapevine, said Cox. Schafer had told librarian Cynda Mast that her baby was due in a bout a week. "I guess she got ready this afternoon," Mast said.

## Lee Hall To Grow Much Bigger, Monroe Hall To Be Renovated

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Washington College William Anderson said. "It's a winner all around."

According to Teresa Mannix, assistant director of News and Information Services, the bond referendum would be applied to four projects at the college.

For about \$10.5 million, the first project would renovate and expand Lee Hall to create a "one-stop shop" for student services, which would bring all offices that directly interact with students into one building at the center of campus. Central air conditioning, new windows, and new interior services would also be added to the entire building.

For a little over \$4 million, the second project involves a renovation of Monroe Hall, which would generate new heating and air conditioning, new windows, and a new interior.

For \$2.4 million, the third project would renovate and alter portions of Monroe Hall, Trinkle Hall, duPont Hall, and Chandler Hall to provide more space for students and faculty. Offices would be upgraded with new paint and carpeting and classrooms would be modernized with overhead projectors and computers.

Also, for just over \$1.7 million, Dodd Auditorium and Klein Theatre would be modernized by upgrading light and sound equipment, working on compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, adding fire protection, and upgrading the infrastructures.

These projects will not begin immediately, Mannix said it is up to the governor to decide when the money can begin to be dispersed.

"They plan on having the money released over the next nine years," she said. "Hopefully, all the projects will start by 2010."

According to Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Rick Hurley, having the bond passed is just the beginning.

"This doesn't mean it's a done deal," Hurley said. "The money will come in installments as the governor dictates, usually, as we need it. Like if we need an architect, then we will receive the money just to pay the architect and nothing else."

Mannix also said the figure given to Mary Washington College of the total amount of the referendum was decided by the General Assembly.

"The General Assembly decided on \$18.5 million, and the Board of Visitors established the long-range planning the college needed, then prioritized them," Mannix said.

Anderson said even though the bond must eventually be paid back by the state, it would not affect taxpayers. He also said that if the bond were not approved, all Virginia students would be affected.

"We would not be equipped to enroll additional students who are currently in high school," he said.

Senior Meredith Johnston, Student Government Association president, said the SGA spoke to campus and community groups to explain the bond bill and to urge them to vote in favor of it.

"[The SGA] sponsored two bond rallies on campus," she said. "Voter registration and absentee ballot request forms were provided to offer individuals who are not registered in Fredericksburg a chance to vote."

The SGA and the Office of College Relations worked cooperatively with Foundation 2002 based out of Richmond who provided campaign funds and materials to hand out to potential voters.

Mannix said the election would not have gone as well without the support of Johnston as well as the Chair of the Legislative Action Committee of the SGA Sara Rainbolt.

"Johnston and Rainbolt have worked extremely hard to get the word out about the bond, and they have played a huge role in educating the MWC and Fredericksburg communities," she said.

On Monday, administrators said they hoped the passing of the referendum to be a landslide as a reward for all of their work.

"We would like the bond to pass resoundingly to show the strong support for our business," Hurley said. "But then again, we'll be happy to just get the renovations."

And on Wednesday, Mannix said she was happy about the bond's passing overwhelmingly.

"It was ecstatic to learn last night that the referendum passed by a large margin," she said. "It is wonderful to know that Mary Washington College will receive funding that it needs for critical projects that will enable students to receive the best education from our institution."

## Republicans Are Pleased

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something to lose," Farnsworth said.

Farnsworth said that Republicans used the popularity of President George W. Bush to their advantage in campaigning, and Democrats made mistakes by agreeing to Bush's tax cut and the war on Iraq. Democrats also did not focus on the country's economic troubles as much as they could have.

"The Democrats in many ways tried to run as Republicans-light, and that doesn't work," Farnsworth said. "The Democratic candidates who most aggressively tried to present themselves as centrists did not do so well."

As a result of Tuesday's election, Farnsworth said in the 2004 presidential election, the more centrist Democrats, such as House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, and Senator Joe Lieberman, are unlikely to have much appeal among voters.

Dana Ferrera, president of the College Democrats, said he does not know what to think about the Republicans gaining control of Congress Tuesday night.

"It's just odd," Ferrera said. "I honestly have no clue. I just think it's an interesting trend, the way America is going right now."

Ferrera said that the College Democrats were handing out literature at several polling locations in Spotsylvania County, and they also campaigned in Richmond for candidate Ben Jones, who won 29 percent of the vote.

College Republicans, on the other hand, said they didn't do much in this year's election, where the local incumbent Republican Jo Ann Davis ran unopposed.

"There wasn't anything contested in the election, so we weren't as active as we were in previous years," said Josh Morris, College Republican Chairman.

However, Morris said he still is pleased with the results from Tuesday.

"Understandably, I was excited," Morris

said. "Last night was a Republican night."

With the Republicans capturing both Houses of Congress, Farnsworth said that the Republicans will be held accountable in the next election.

"If the deficit worsens, then it's their deficit," Farnsworth said. "The Republicans won't be able to blame Democrats for anything. Bush has had the luxury of being able to blame the Democrats for the past two years."

However, Republican Morris said he's not worried.

"I believe in the policy we're setting forth," Morris said. "I believe that will make for a better America."

### Sales Tax Referendum

In Northern Virginia, by a 55 percent to 45 percent margin, voters rejected a referendum that would have raised the sales tax from 4.5 percent to five percent of every dollar, and that money would have gone to improving transportation in that section of the state.

"I think that taxes are a hard sell in normal economic times, and they are a particularly hard sell in anxious economic times," Farnsworth said.

Farnsworth said that rejecting the referendum will have a profound effect on the state economy next year. Statewide budget cuts have already affected various state agencies, including Mary Washington College. However, Farnsworth said that cuts already imposed only make up half of what the state's debt.

"The defeat of the sales tax referendum demonstrates to any politician that tax increases are not well received," Farnsworth said. "Its defeat means more time in traffic, more gridlock and more cuts."

## Correction:

In last week's article "Board Of Visitors Votes To Raise Tuition \$255," it should have reported that 28 fewer classes will be taught by adjuncts next semester.

# Viewpoints

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## Editorial

### Successful Honor Elections

Student apathy seems to have been relieved for time being, after the Honor Council Elections held Wednesday, Oct. 30. Students cast 725 votes, with acting president Brian Reagan elected as Honor Council president. This was more votes than were cast in the Student Government Association's elections held in spring semester 2002 where nine positions were up for grabs.

One reason for this could be the fact that there was actually competition for this special election, unlike seven of the nine positions that were decided this past spring, including the position of Honor Council president.

Hopefully, this freak occurrence in the college's recent voting history will become a trend. Come this spring semester, it would be nice to see a ballot filled to the brim with student candidates instead of five or six.

### And speaking of honor...

Bulk candy at the Nest is eight bucks a pound. Karen Pardal, production manager of the Nest says they lose about \$1,000 a week on stolen bulk candy.

The solution?

If students stopped pilfering from the candy jars, bulk candy prices might be lowered.

What on earth makes students steal little gummy Sour Patch Kids out of the Eagle's Nest? Half the time, they're stale.

But that's not our point. Students complain about high prices in the Eagle's Nest. First off, half the time students have more flex than they know what to do with, so prices shouldn't be too much of an issue. Also, has it occurred to any of these students that maybe prices wouldn't be so high if they weren't lifting Hot Pockets and bags of Cheetos?

Additionally, you have to wonder what the honor code means to students who are stealing from the Eagle's Nest. They may believe that it doesn't apply to the Eagle's Nest, because as Mike Ohlsson said, a lot of people wouldn't consider the Nest a "real" place of business. However, it is, and it's time the student body started treating it like one.

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## 'War Is Not Terrorism. War Is Much Worse'

ROB BROWN  
Guest Columnist

Well, that did it. Sandra Mills's stunning critique of the political rants ("Bush Is No Terrorist," Oct. 24) on Mary Washington College's own glorified pebble has convinced me that I should leave America. Mills's argument that people who are dissatisfied with the country should leave is tantamount to the "I'm going to take my ball and go home" method of solving an argument.

I absolutely don't think that America is perfect, and if people always sat around and believed in the goodness of the status quo then our country would still be an English colony or we'd still have slavery. The people who advocated for the abolition of slavery were seen as troublemakers and disrupters of societal order during their time, but today we see them as heroes.

In 100 years, will those who argued for the maintaining of the status quo of a very imperfect country be lauded as heroes? Probably not. It is the people who fight to make this a better place to live for all people who will be celebrated in our history books.

Now as much as I am saddened by this, I do think that Mills is right and that Bush is not a terrorist. He wantonly destroys the Earth and he's a whore to big business, especially oil companies, but he is not a terrorist.

Another point that Mills makes is absolutely correct. War is not terrorism. War kills many more people, to include civilians, than does terrorism. War completely decimates countries, and nuclear war has the potential to destroy all human life. While terrorism is evil, war strikes me as the greater evil.

Yes, we are a country that was attacked. However, we were the ones to strike the first blow. Our control over the economies of many Arab nations, the deterioration of their culture by Americanization run rampant, as well as the years of continuous bombing an military insurgencies (which have killed many more civilians than did Sept. 11) have created an Arab world that views itself as under attack every single day from America.

Can you honestly blame them for thinking that way? From their perspective they were striking a blow for their freedom and independence from American oppression and dominance. Anyone put in a subjugated position who does not fight back is betraying their duty as a free person to liberate him or herself from such conditions. I am not endorsing terrorism at all, but I realize that those who use it as means

to fight an oppressor see it as their only viable option to freedom.

If we continue to attack the Arab world we stand no chance of coming to a real peace with them. Our justifications for war with Iraq are laughable, and they certainly won't comfort anyone who has a child killed by this war. If we proceed with war we will only serve to raise a generation of Muslims that (rightfully so) hate us for our continued military aggression in the Middle East.

Both sides have wronged each other greatly and unless we are willing to strive for actual peace and understanding we are getting ourselves into a culture war that is going to last generations.

"[Bush] wantonly destroys the Earth and he's a whore to big business, especially oil companies, but he is not a terrorist."

Rob Brown

the globe and I am sickened and saddened by them. I want to make the U.S. a country that truly upholds the ideals on which it was founded, instead of merely paying lip service to them. Also, I am wondering if it was Mills's Magic 8-Ball that informed her of Iraq's future attack on the U.S. that would justify a "preemptive" war? Perhaps it was Dionne Warwick?

Rob Brown is a senior.

## FAST FACT:

Levan is "navel" spelled backwards. It is so named because it is in the middle of Utah.

## Debating War

JEFFREY CAVANO  
Guest Columnist

There are many good reasons for not going to war with Iraq. Unfortunately, many pro-war types engage in the odious habit of equating reluctance with "appeasement" and choose to ignore the principled argument against starting a war to oust the Iraqi regime. In fact, many of the pro-war arguments are themselves suspect.

If the United States begins a war with Iraq, we are telling the world that it is acceptable to consider a perceived threat as a valid basis for war. For the last 50 years, the only way one could legitimately fight a war was if one was attacked. In the Vietnam War, our navy went to great lengths to provoke an "attack" by North Vietnamese patrol boats to create the "legitimacy" required to continue sending troops to Vietnam, resulting in the Tonkin Gulf Resolution.

Now the U.S. says that a perceived threat is valid grounds for going to war. One could imagine that any nation that had a reasonable chance of winning a conflict would immediately begin a war against their neighbors.

The leader of the Mary Washington College Republicans says that this war is about left versus right. I think he is absolutely right! The filthy communist Henry Kissinger is opposed to this war. That notorious "Blame-America-First" Pat Buchanan raises concern that Congress has abdicated its responsibility to oversee the actions of the executive, by signing off on the Iraq War Resolution. Even the flamboyant liberal Dick Arney says that an unprovoked attack against Iraq would be illegal. There is something very seriously wrong with the world when I find Pat Buchanan to be thoughtful and insightful.

Now does Iraq really pose a threat to the U.S.? Well, yeah, in the same way that Vietnam poses a threat to the U.S. meaning, not really. I mean look at a map! They're over there, we're over here...it's a pretty long way to shoot a missile. The Iraqi military cannot project a war to the U.S. homeland; that's just a fact of life.

There is the very real possibility that Iraq could sponsor terrorism in the U.S. or against American interests abroad. In the past 11 world, is also highly unlikely. To understand why, understand that everything Saddam Hussein does is designed to keep him in power. Hussein knows that the U.S. is looking for any pretext to unleash the hounds of war, and he knows that involving himself with attacks against America will inevitably result in his ouster. For this reason alone, he is likely to keep far away from any terrorist group that could bring the wrath of America.

There is no proof that Hussein was involved with the Sept. 11 attacks. If there were, I assure you it would be broadcast over the airwaves so fast it would make the sniper investigation look like sage, calm, subdued news coverage. Many in our government point to reports that al Qaeda operatives are moving through Iraq, without telling us that they are moving through Kurdish areas in the north on their way to their home countries (if this is the case; details are sketchy).

Many pro-war types point to the possibility that Iraq possesses weapons of mass destruction. This should not surprise anyone, considering the U.S. provided Iraq with strains of anthrax, botulism, West Nile virus, and a nasty bacterium that causes gas gangrene back during the Reagan administration. And lots of guns.

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## Bullet Letter and Editorial Policy

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## Letters to the Editor

### Field Trips Rock

Dear Editor:

Like most students, the idea of having tuition raised does not thrill me. It's going to be raised though, regardless of what we think, so we might as well make the best of it. I was a bit excited of the idea that academic affairs will receive \$110,000 extra each semester. However, I was very upset when I saw Board of Visitors member Fred Thompson say, "We don't want to come back here and see this on campus."

With all of that money a semester, it does not seem unreasonable that the college could afford a 10 or 14 passenger van. This year the 10-passenger van was damaged and the college informed my sedimentology professor that they didn't have the money to either repair it or buy a new one. Because of this, every single field trip in the class has been cancelled.

Geology students don't get the chance to go into the field often. This was one of the few classes offered that allowed us field experience, but because the school can't scrap aside a

percentage of the extra money they are making next semester, students won't receive field experience.

Field trips emphasize what we learn in class. Real life formations can be very different than those depicted in textbooks. Geology students need the field experience to fully understand what we study. And I am sure that other disciplines, ranging from science to liberal arts, could use the real life experience as well.

Yet, the BOV will deny students the experience they need so that a few spirited students can have occasional cookouts that most of the school doesn't attend anyways. It's ridiculous. They allow the president to have that inflated raise last year so he'll make as much as presidents of schools three times our size and then they won't allow the school to budget enough money to afford a single 14 passenger van so students can go on field trips.

Field trips are far more important academically than an occasional cookout. The school needs a large van. Before the school gets anymore money, they should learn to budget what they have.

Laura Pantazis is a senior.

# Features

extras about people and places

## Fast Fact:

It takes an average of 345 squirts to yield a gallon of milk from a cow's udder.

## thumbs



to expired milk at the Nest.



to movies directed by Kevin Smith on Channel 27 this month.



to smelling like "seaco" after leaving Seacobeck.



to the helpful Info Desk attendants who get the job done.



to having fewer classes next semester due to budget cuts.



to only three full weeks of classes left.

## in the stars

**Aries** - Today you will deliberately annoy people by standing too close to them while waiting in line.

**Taurus** - Today is a good day to buy chocolate for someone you love.

**Gemini** - You've about had it with one particular fool in your life. Have you considered investing in a tranquilizer gun?

**Cancer** - You'll become part of the Formal Attire Resurgence movement. Be wary of the Casualist Party though - there's someone out there just dying to spit on your spats.

**Leo** - In a strange form of protest against the new trends in personal adornment, you will make moaning sounds whenever you see someone with a nose ring.

**Virgo** - This week will find you explaining gender roles to the clueless.

**Libra** - Reality is becoming too much for you, and you should try to escape into a bizarre fantasy life.

**Scorpio** - Remember that those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it.

**Sagittarius** - You will become strangely fascinated by electric juicers.

**Capricorn** - You will get the peculiar urge to go outside and roll around in something yucky. Also, you'll notice your ears are getting hairy.

**Aquarius** - Today you will irritate people. In fact, you'll irritate yourself.

**Pisces** - Several extremely hungry creatures will look at you strangely, today. Throw them a raisin cookie.

## Speakers To Visit College



Photo Courtesy of <http://spree.to/lewisblack/>  
Comedian Lewis Black.

## "Daily Show" Comedian In Dodd

By LAUREN DEANGELIS  
Staff Writer

It is 11 p.m. on a Wednesday, and juniors Meghan Howard and Nicole Semerano are not sleeping, studying or even partying. Like many other Mary Washington College students, the two roommates take time out of their night to do what has become a weekly ritual—to watch comedian Lewis Black on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart."

Titled "America's foremost commentator on everything," the energetic, angry comedian is difficult for anyone to resist, making it all the more exciting for students that Black will be coming to Mary Washington College for a show on Nov. 11.

"I couldn't believe he was actually coming here," Howard said. "My friends had seen him at the University of Massachusetts back in April, so I thought he would just have gone to larger schools."

Giant Productions, the organization sponsoring the event, was able to book Black through an agent, according to senior Shauna Mahony, co-chair of finance.

"We normally go through a specific agent when we hire comedians," Mahony said. "Black was available and the price was right, so we booked him."

Giant Productions declined to comment on the actual cost of the booking. However, Mahony and senior co-Chair Rob Brown noted that Black's price was very expensive relative to past performers Giant has booked, such as the recent Carbon Leaf show at Homcoming.

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## Linguist To Give Talk

By CATHERINE SHIFLET  
Staff Writer

Christina Kakava came to the United States over years ago expecting to get her masters in linguistics and then head back to Greece. Kakava decided to stay in the states to pursue her doctorate at Georgetown partly because of linguist Deborah Tannen.

"She has been such a mentor for me," Kakava said. She remains grateful for the guidance, support, advice and even criticism Tannen gave her.

On Thursday, Nov. 7, Tannen will visit Mary Washington College, where the now tenured Kakava teaches as an associate professor of linguistics.

Kakava incorporates much of Tannen's work into her sociolinguistics class, where required texts include Tannen's best-selling "Talk from 9 to 5" and "Conversational Style." Students and guests may hear these ideas firsthand when Tannen presents her lecture on men's and women's communication style.

"Talk from 9 to 5" starts with the premise that men and women speak in gender-specific ways.

"Based on the assumption that we learn

styles of interacting as children growing up, and that children tend to play in sex-separate groups in which very different styles are learned, practiced, and reinforced, the book proceeded from the metaphor of male-female conversation as cross-cultural communication," Tannen wrote.

According to Tannen, these socialized ways of talking can become problematic when boys and girls become working men and women who must communicate across the gender divide. Her research focused on large companies, mostly staffed with male CEOs. She analyzed how speech can influence who gets heard, noticed, and promoted.



Photo Courtesy of [www.mwc.edu](http://www.mwc.edu)  
Linguist Deborah Tannen.

In her research, Tannen found that women repeatedly went unnoticed for the work they did. She soon linked this problem to women being taught, more so than men, to avoid bragging about themselves.

"Letting others know about what you have done is almost always labeled boasting by women, and boasting is something most women have learned early on to avoid," Tannen wrote. "In contrast, many men assume they have to let others know what they've done in order to get the recognition they deserve."

Tannen looked at two real estate agents, Bridget and Sean, who fit these patterns.

**"Our culture gives us a whole menagerie of stereotypical images of women: schoolmarm, head nurse, headmistress, doting mother, cruel stepmother, dragon lady, catwoman, witch, bitch."**

Deborah Tannen

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## It's A Zoo In Here Students Keep Pets On Campus



Photo Courtesy of Laura Gionfriddo

Senior Laura Gionfriddo's cat, Sammy, in her shadow.

By MINDY COMPHRE  
Staff Writer

Pets are the perfect companions. They're the friends who always want to hang out with you and don't talk behind your back. They're the significant others who don't cheat and lie.

Many students, including myself, have realized the value of pets. Unfortunately, Residence Life does not allow any animals but fish to be kept in the dorms, which severely limits the choice of pets to, well, fish. However, this rule does not deter some students from venturing into the realm of pet-ownership.

I will be the first to admit that every once in a while I break a rule or two. My first dorm pet was a tiny black kitten adopted from Petsmart. My sophomore year roommate and I decided that it was time to test our nurturing skills and see if we could take care of a living creature. So we brought home our new little friend who we will call "Kitten" because his real name is not suitable for print in this publication.

That lasted a week. It turned out that among his many tricks, including climbing up into my loft, Kitten also stuck his nose under the door while we were at class and meowed as loudly as possible. Of course our RA caught us, turned us in, and we had to get rid of Kitten.

Junior year, I went for creatures who were a little less noisy and a little more water-friendly. This time if I got caught I could just claim I thought they were fish. Bought at a fair in Bourneville, Ohio, the two little turtles road-tripped back to Fredericksburg with me and quickly became an integral part of my roommate's and my room.

Everyone who entered was forced to play with Duke and Lucy, even though they pretty much just hid in their shells when you tried to play with them.

I took a chance and showed them to my RA, and luckily, she didn't care. However, Duke died a few months later. My friends and I had a funeral for him where we buried him in an Alkoids tin and he we each said a little something. Then I took Lucy on a family trip to a lake house in Michigan, and on one of her daily swims in the lake, she got away. I don't really want to talk about it.

So this year I decided to be really crazy and try mice. Smokey and the Bandit came home with me on a warm September afternoon and quickly became used to apartment living. Well, Bandit did, but I guess Smokey didn't because he died after a couple of days. Bandit, however, is still kickin' it with me.

Now that I live off-campus, it's great not to worry about whether or not I will get in trouble for my pets. Now I

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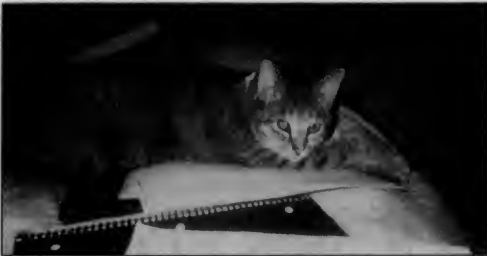


Photo Courtesy of Laura Giofriddo

Senior and Bulletin Editor-in-Chief Julie Stavitski's cat Honey.

## Animal House

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have to worry that my roommates will kill Bandit while I'm out because he smells, and they get rather upset about that. But good odors are just one of the many things you have to sacrifice to have pets.

Many other animal-loving students have gone the same route as I. Christy Bass, now a senior, vividly remembers the pets that she harbored in Russell during her freshman year.

"I had five hermit crabs," she said. "Two were named Cooter and Beaver and the other three just went by Crab. My RA knew about them, but my RA let me drink, too."

A junior, who wishes to remain anonymous, acquired an iguana during his sophomore year in New Hall.

"Last year when I lived on campus I had an iguana and it was awesome. I kept him clean and I kept him hidden and he's my friend. His name is Harrison."

Students who keep pets on campus and are not caught often keep their pets when they move off campus. Harrison still lives with his anonymous owner in the Snowden apartment complex.

Senior Jessica Brown decided to not cause any problems when choosing her pets. She went for the old standby, the pre-approved fish. Her luck with the goldfish hasn't been exceptional, since, they often die.

"Last year when I lived in Willard, I perfected the art of killing my goldfish in strange

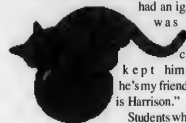
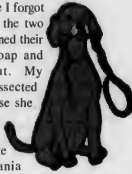
and various manners—all accidental, of course," said Brown. "There were the two I killed because I forgot to feed them, then the two that died when I cleaned their bowl with dish soap and didn't rinse it out. My roommate later dissected one of them because she was convinced it wasn't. My cat ate one in Pennsylvania when I was home for Christmas break. But the two survivors have been alive since December and are still going strong. And they were 12 cent goldfish!"

Most students do not choose to get pets while living on or off-campus simply because of the amount of time and commitment involved. Those students who do choose to have pets while living on campus are usually caught, so there is yet another deterrent.

Junior Salimah Pirmohamed vividly remembers a pet in her hall freshman year.

"When I lived in Mason, a girl on my hall snuck a puppy up to her room. She only had it for a week before the RA found out. She didn't get in trouble, she just had to get rid of it."

For those who love animals so much that they are willing to risk the bad graces of their RAs and possible punishment, such as the unlucky Mason resident and myself, it is usually worth it. Even if it only lasts for a little while, having a pet around just makes you smile a little more often.



## Linguist Lectures

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"Sean made sure to let new acquaintances know what he had done; Bridget played down what she had done and assumed people would eventually learn of it from others and like her all the more for her modesty," Tannen wrote.

"Bridget thought Sean was boastful; he thought she was foolishly and inappropriately self-deprecating," she continued.

For Tannen, this gender divide becomes more problematic when a male employer must decide who gets promoted and who gets pay increases. If he is not attuned to female linguistic patterns, the boss may overlook good work simply because he does not hear about it.

Tannen noticed male employers misinterpreted other aspects of their female subordinates' talk. One aspect was asking questions.

"A physician wrote to me about a related experience that occurred during her medical training," Tannen wrote.

The intern got a low grade from her supervising physician, although she knew she was one of the best in her group.

"She asked her supervisor for an explanation, and he replied that she knew the least," she wrote.

Tannen noted the employer's rationale for dubbing the intern as least knowledgeable was based in her linguistic style. "You ask more questions," he said.

Shifting her focus, Tannen looked at women in authority. She looked first at cultural expectations of people in power.

"Our culture gives us a whole menagerie of stereotypical images of women: schoolmarm, head nurse, headmistress, doting mother, cruel stepmother, dragon lady, cat-woman, witch, bitch," she noticed.

She further explained why these images of women do not include head of company. "Part of the reason images of women in positions of authority are marked by their gender is that the very notion of authority is associated with maleness," she said. "Anyone who is taller, more hefty built, with a lower-pitched, more sonorous voice, begins with culturally recognizable markers of authority."

According to Tannen, women sometimes adopt a male speech style when they attain powerful positions. Often, these women are met with hostility from subordinates who do not expect a woman to talk like a man.

A female manager who used a male style cited Tannen's work as helpful in explaining why her speech bothered female co-workers. The woman often gave solutions when she interpreted their problem-talk as complaining. These employees engaged in what Tannen calls problem sharing, a ritual exchange of problems meant to establish rapport. As part of a ritual, participants do not expect listeners to offer solutions to these problems; the act of sharing is the main focus. Men, according to Tannen, do not share this ritual and try to solve the problem, much to the frustration of some women.

"Knowing the patterns makes it possible to understand others as well as yourself and to be flexible in your style," she said. "But it is also useful to know when your own behavior is different from the expected."

Tannen offered further expectations of how her work could benefit males and females.

"There are many men and women who are not 'typical' yet are extremely effective in what they do," she wrote. "My hope is that an understanding of conversational style will make the world safe for individuals with a vast range of styles, including styles that mix elements commonly associated with one gender or the other."

**Tannen will give a free lecture Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. in Lee Hall Ballroom.**

## Make Them Laugh

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"Because Black has such a name recognition, he is more expensive than the acts we've had this semester and his cost is the most that Giant has paid for a comedian," Brown said. "The cost is roughly three times the amount that we paid for Carbon Leaf, but they were fairly cheap."

Judging from student interest, Black's steep cost will be well worth it.

Howard said that she has been watching Black's weekly segment, "Back in Black," on "The Daily Show" for about two years now.

"I just turned [The Daily Show] on once and it was wicked funny so I started watching it regularly," she said.

"He's pretty crazy sometimes," sophomore Jill Fox said of Black's antics. "His hand motions and facial expressions are really funny."

Junior Shalini Henry had a similar opinion.

"His sarcastic tone is hilarious," Henry said. "He literally yells most of the time instead of talking normally."

According to comedycentral.com, Black has been a regular on "The Daily Show" since 1996. During his weekly segment, Black addresses everyday issues in arbitrary topics ranging from current events to the weather.

"The summer is here and let me tell

'ya it's really nice weather if you're a gnat," Black stated in one of his classic performances. During another performance Black used video clips of a recent Miss America competition to mock the contestants.

"The world's beauty pageants are in dire straits," he said, charging Miss America as "the woman who will be fighting illiteracy and global warming for up to one whole year."

Mahony said that Giant productions' decision to book Black resulted from foreseeable student interest as well as from interest within the Giant Productions staff.

"Black has been very popular lately, and a lot of us in Giant are also pretty big fans," Mahony said.

Brown said that Giant Productions asked around to get as much input on Black's appeal at Mary Washington College as they could.

"He has great name recognition with being on 'The Daily Show,'" and his live act is excellent so we knew he'd go over well here," Brown said.

Black's growing reputation has made him a sought-after headliner on the college circuit. During the month of November alone he will be performing at Mary Washington College as well as Drexel University, Hamilton College and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. According to an interview for lazy.com, an online music magazine, Black tours as often as 50 times per year.

Giant Productions has high expectations for a large turnout at the Mary Washington College show and is hoping that the event will sell out.

"Ideally we would like to sell out the show, but if we have any less than 1,100 people I'll be somewhat disappointed," Brown said.

According to Brown, Black will be one of the two largest shows Giant has planned for this semester due to the school budget cuts.

"We understand that academics come before entertainment, but we will still try to put on the best shows that we can for the students," Brown said.

Student interest in the upcoming performance by Black is a sign that Giant Productions is upholding this promise.

Junior Lauren Wilson summed up Black's appeal.

"I just like how excited and angry he gets at the stupidity of people," Wilson said. "That's why he's funny."

**Black will perform in Dodd Auditorium at 8 p.m. on Nov. 17th. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$5 for students and \$10 for non-students. Tickets will be on sale in the Wonders commons center until Nov. 8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**



## Commuting Students Association

Commuting Students are having a meeting this Thursday in the Tan room at 5PM! All Commuters are encouraged to attend!

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## ARH Secretary

Applications for ARH secretary are due in the SGA office by November 12th.

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## SGA Press Secretary

If you are interested in applying for SGA Press Secretary contact Kat at kstan2no@mwc.edu.

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## Higher Education Bond

The Higher Education Bond passed!!! SGA wants to thanks the Legislative Action Committee and everyone who volunteered to help this with the bond issue for their hard work. Way to Go!

# Sports

the latest athletic news and information

## schedule

### Cross Country

Nov. 9: CAC Championships  
at York College

### Field Hockey

Nov. 9: CAC Championship  
TBA

### Men's Soccer

Nov. 9: CAC Championships  
TBA

### Men's Swimming

Nov. 9: Washington & Lee U.

### Women's Soccer

Nov. 9: at Salisbury University

## scores

### Field Hockey

Nov. 6: York College  
W 4-1

### Men's Soccer

Nov. 3: Gallaudet University  
W 5-0

### Men's Swimming

Nov. 2: Franklin & Marshall  
W 111-83

### Volleyball

Nov. 5: Salisbury University  
L 3-0

### Women's Soccer

Nov. 5: St. Mary's College  
W 2-0

### Women's Swimming

Nov. 2: Franklin & Marshall  
W 115-88

## athlete of the week

### Joanna Duggan Field Hockey

**Sophomore scored in the team's 4-1 victory over York College.**



Katy Valuzzo/Bulletin  
Junior Paul Kodack and the men's soccer team defeat Gallaudet.

## Eagles Play On

### Men's Soccer Advances in Tournament

By PAM KRAMER  
Assistant Sports Editor

Mike Nissim-Sabat aimed, kicked and scored.

Well, not exactly, but the ball soared over the 40 feet tall back fence behind the goal to the amusement of both men's soccer teams in the first round of the Capital Athletic Conference tournament on Sunday, Nov. 3 against Gallaudet University.

Hands and arms went up all around the field imitating a field goal made as the senior jogged back to half field laughing at his mistake.

However, Nissim-Sabat made up for it later with his two goals in the first half helping the Eagles (12-3-2) to a 5-0 route of Gallaudet (2-18).

The first half started off slow as the Eagles patiently passed the ball around awaiting the right opportunity.

Occasionally, the ball would whip past the goal within inches of scoring, but to no avail.

"Get a goal or we're really going to get rowdy!" a parent yelled toward the 18 minute mark.

Senior forward Marc Salotti answered with a high shot to the corner, assisted by Andrew Shin 19 minutes into the first half.

Fifty seconds later, Nissim-Sabat scored on a corner kick from junior Roberto Morales, headed from senior defender Matt Heimerle.

Nissim-Sabat scored again with five

minutes left in the first half from team assist leader Ryan Geib to give the Eagles a 3-0 lead going into halftime.

"We really tried to push the ball up and keep it on our offensive side so we could create a good opportunity," co-captain Heimerle said. "We didn't want to give away any shots to the opponent."

Apparently, the Eagles were successful at doing this, out shooting Gallaudet 39-2.

The Eagles entered the second half with as much intensity as the first, scoring one minute into play off a light touch shot from Salotti for his second of the game and 18th of the season.

He is currently leader in scoring in the CAC.

Despite many attempts at scoring, the ball often went wide, high or into the post for the Eagles.

"It's better to shoot a lot and miss a lot than not shoot at all," Heimerle said. "We've got a lot of strong feet who could tear apart the net if given the chance to; we just need to focus more on making the right shots at the right time."

The final goal was contributed by sophomore Clint Wivell as the Eagles sealed a victory for the first round of the tournament.

"We are really pumped for this game because we know we can dominate and get to the CAC championship for a repeat win over Salisbury," Salotti said. "We just need to use all the skills I know are on this team and work together as one unit as we have been trying to do all year."

## Mothers Unable to Break Ed Lee Curse

By RYAN FINDLEY  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Mary Washington College men's rugby team could not break the Ed and Sandy Lee Tournament first round curse in Roanoke last weekend. The Mothers have now lost in the first round of the Ed Lee Cup three years in a row.

"It's almost like tradition. Every time we play early, we don't come to play," senior Hossein Hamed said.

In the first round this year, the Mothers were paired against Division II rival University of Virginia. MWC lost to UVA, last year in the first round of the Ed Lee Cup, but managed to defeat the Cavaliers 35-33 in the regular season this year when captain Kevin Bradley hit a penalty kick in the last minute of the game.

However, there would be no miraculous comeback win against UVA, in Roanoke, as the Mothers fell by the score of 27-8.

UVA, drew first blood, scoring a try in the first few minutes of the game. MWC quickly countered when captain Kevin Bradley made a penalty kick, making the score 5-3. UVA, then scored a try and made the conversion kick, making the score 12-3. The Mothers back line then broke free as junior fullback Mark Malone scored the lone try for MWC.

However, Bradley was unable to hit the conversion kick. UVA, then scored another try and made the conversion to make the score 19-8. MWC marched down the field and had the ball on UVA's goal line the remainder of the first half, but squandered their chances and were never able to come away with any points.

In the second half the Mothers picked up the level of intensity and seemed to wake up from their slumbering first half performance, but key injuries in the back line and ten penalties in the second half killed any momentum MWC was able to establish.

Meanwhile, UVA, scored on a penalty kick and a try and managed to take advantage of the numerous MWC penalties and successfully kicked away

for field position. The Mothers fought until the very end showing increasing levels of frustration with their play until the whistle blew and the score was 27-8.

"We are kind of a home team to begin with, I wish we weren't, but we are. Injuries in the center positions and the fact that we hadn't played a serious match in three weeks hurt us," Malone said. "I think they had something to prove as well since we beat them in the regular season. We just had too many things not in our favor in the UVA game."

In the second round MWC faced Division III champion Old Dominion University. The Mothers woke up for the afternoon game and defeated ODU in a lop-sided victory 31-0.

MWC dominated in all aspects of the game and had their way with an opponent that was simply outmatched. Malone led the team with two tries and an assist and senior scrumhalf Nate Meyers added a try. Utility backs Cisco Jimenez and Don Stader both had tries of their own and Bradley made four out of five conversion kicks and added a pair of assists.

MWC also took advantage of the score and was able to play some of its rookies

and B side players in the game.

"Unfortunately it took us a whole game to realize we needed to get down and dirty. The UVA game just put a bad taste in our mouths. I was also impressed with our rookies. We have a lot of rookies that are going to get playing time next semester," Hamed said.

The final game was a must win for the Mothers if they planned to have any playoff aspirations for the spring season. In the final game of the tournament they faced a much improved Virginia Military Institute team.

MWC had beaten VMI by more than 30 points earlier in the season, but VMI looked like a different team at the Ed Lee Cup.

Furthermore, MWC was faced with almost a completely depleted starting back line, losing five out seven starting back line players.

The game proved to be every ounce as physical as 240 pound Hamed. Both teams hammered at each other in the opening minutes of the first half, but neither back line could move the ball.

The opening score came when Myers ran weak off a scrum and found staff

writer and eight man Ryan Findley in the open field. Findley drew his defender at the goal line and hit senior wing Nate Doyle, who dove into the try zone.

Bradley was unable to convert a difficult conversion kick from the corner and the score stood at 5-0.

VMI quickly countered and punched a try in to tie the game up. Bradley capitalized on a VMI penalty and made an easy penalty kick to put the Mothers back on top 8-5 before the end of the half.

In the second half VMI scored a try in the opening minutes and made the conversion kick to put them back on top 13-8.

VMI gave MWC ample scoring opportunities in the second half, committing 10 penalties.

The game looked bleak to the Mothers as they stood on their own goal line with less than two minutes to go in the game and down by four points. The Mothers quickly capitalized on VMI penalties and found themselves on the VMI goal line with just seconds remaining.

As time ran out VMI committed a penalty for off sides. Since the game can not end on a penalty, MWC quickly took the penalty before VMI's defense could set up.

Hamed headed towards the corner of the try zone, bringing three defenders with him and dished it off to Malone just feet from the goal line. Malone then walked in for the score to win the game as time had already expired.

Malone's try made the final score of the game 13-12 in favor of MWC. With the win MWC assured themselves of a Mid Atlantic playoff birth for the first time in three years. However, they will most likely be the last seed in the tournament and will probably face national semi finalist, Salisbury University in the first round of the MARFU playoffs.

The Mothers will have to play in exact unison with each other if they expect to advance in the MARFU tournament that leads to the National Championship finals. The Mothers will also have to do it without the help of their leading scorer, Malone, and their star wing Matt Weller, who will likely be studying abroad next semester.



Photo Courtesy of Ryan Findley

The men's rugby team played strong against their opponents, defeating VMI and ODU.

# Crew Coach Works for Master's, Permanent Job

## Brad Holdren Only Granted Coaching Position One Year At A Time

By CORY TEMPLEMAN  
Staff Writer

When Philip Hall, the Dean of the Faculty, advised Athletic Director Edward Hegmann to start looking for a new rowing coach in the fall of 2001, they were surprised to see that Brad Holdren was one of only two people seeking the job.

Hall had requested that a new search begin because Holdren, the coach they were trying to replace, did not complete his master's degree within one year after being hired. In fact, Holdren was then in his fourth year as crew coach at the school.

"I was never certain if Coach Holdren would ever get his masters done, but since Mary Washington requires certain qualifications for faculty I was left with no other choice but to look for a new coach," Hall said.

Not only was Holdren once again hired for the position when another prospective applicant took his name out of consideration, but nearly five years later he still has not obtained his masters degree.

"Coach Holdren's coaching abilities were never questioned when I requested we look for a new rowing coach, but he had to meet certain standards in a given time and it never got done," Hall said. "In the past there have been professors hired without a Ph.D., but I said that they must fulfill this requirement within a certain time or the school would have to find someone else to take their place. It's the same situation with Coach Holdren."

According to Hall, Mary Washington is a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) which requires that all faculty members have certain master's qualifications in order to keep the school accredited with SACS. SACS guidelines state that all full-time and part-time faculty teaching credit courses must have completed 18 hours of graduate courses and hold a master's degree.

Holdren had neither of these when Mary

Washington hired him in 1998 as their first-ever rowing coach.

According to Hegmann, in the fall of 2001, only one new applicant showed interest for the job as rowing coach. This person ultimately backed out from the search and the only other name left in the pool of applicants was Holdren. When Hegmann asked Hall if he should continue to search for a new coach, he was told to keep the search open but keep Holdren on for another year.

"Right now, we consider Coach Holdren temporary, which means we hire him year-by-year until someone with the proper qualifications comes along and is willing to take the job," Hall said. "It's really frustrating because no one will apply for the job and we are not in a position to conduct a search because of the current state of the budget at our school."

Hall also said that if MWC does not hire a new rowing coach before Holdren gets his master's, he would be able to keep his job long term.

Hegmann pointed out that Holdren was not fired, just given temporary one-year contracts until they can find a new coach. Since no one else has applied for the position, Holdren remains the coach of the rowing team.

"We want to keep him on long-term, but he has to get his master's completed in good time for us to do that. Once that happens he will be on a non-tenure track position where he will be offered a one, two, or three year contract," Hegmann said.

Holdren finally appears to be making progress

towards obtaining his degree. To date, Holdren has taken six credit hours of graduate courses. This January, he will start taking graduate courses at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. Holdren will only take one course this spring because of the large amount of coaching responsibility he has to deal with during this time. He will take a full load of courses in the summer and next fall, and hopes to have his master's degree in the spring of 2004.

Holdren felt that financial situations after he graduated college prevented him from getting his masters.

"I didn't have the best GPA in college and I was in debt," Holdren said. "This meant that I could only take classes on a provisional status which meant I would not get any financial aid, so I counted my losses and just tried to find a job and not worry about

graduate school. Mary Washington was looking for a rowing coach, so I figured I would give it a shot and not worry about the qualifications. I just never got my master's done, it's that simple."

Because faculty and members of the rowing team feel that Holdren is the right man for the job as coach, they have given him their support.

"I hope that he [Holdren] succeeds in getting his master's before someone else tries to get the job," Hall said. "His reputation as a coach precedes him. We will be at square one if he completes this and be able to keep him on full-time, which is what the school would like to do."

"Coach really knows his stuff when it comes to rowing and has done great things with the team since I have been here," David Hye, a three year member of the rowing team, said. "It was sad to hear that he would only be a temporary coach in the meantime, but it wasn't the end all. I understand the rules he has to abide by and all we [the rowing team] can do is give him our full support and hope he will be our full-time coach."

Holdren is grateful of the support he gets from his team.

"I know there are a lot of things they [the team] love and hate about me, but it's sort of like being a politician. Somebody will always support you," said Holdren.

Holdren began his coaching career at his alma mater, Grand Valley State University, from 1992 to 1994. Prior to coming to MWC, Holdren served for one year as the head coach at Clemson University, and before that as head coach at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Ga. for one year.

In the fall of 1998, rowing became a varsity sport at MWC and since then, Holdren has turned the program into a squad in which three boats succeeded in medaling at the Dad Vail National Championships, the unofficial national championship for small schools.

In addition to his duties as head coach, Holdren also serves as an instructor in the Mary Washington College department of health and physical education, teaching weight training and physical education activity classes.

According to the Human Resources Department at Mary Washington, Holdren makes \$34,551 per year and the entire budget for the rowing team consists of \$29,000.

Information regarding the rowing program at Mary Washington College is available at <http://www.mwc.edu/hepc/erindex.html>.

**"I know there are a lot of things they [the team] love and hate about me, but it's sort of like being a politician. Somebody will always support you."**

**Brad Holdren**



Katy Valluzzo/Bullet

### Playoffs Begin For MWC Sports Teams

Junior Emily Falvey and the rest of the field hockey team head into the playoffs with high expectations for success.

## Look for previews of the winter sport teams in next week's issue of the Bulletin!



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## FAST FACT:

Alfred Hitchcock never won an Academy Award for directing, though he was awarded the Irving Thalberg Memorial Award in 1967.

## coming attractions

### ▼ Thursday, Nov. 7:

**Poetry Reading.**  
Associate Professor of English Marie McAllister reads Horace. Combs Hall. 5 p.m. Free.

### ▼ Friday, Nov. 8:

**Concert.** "Missions Mania" to benefit InterVarsity Missions. Here Today featuring Ryan Little. Underground. 9 p.m. Free.

### ▼ Friday, Nov. 8:

**Show Choir Performance.**  
"The Heart Of Rock And Roll." Dodd Auditorium. 7:30 p.m. Also Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Free.

### ▼ Friday, Nov. 8:

**Dance.** Tri-Unit 80s Dance. Dodd Auditorium. 7:30 p.m. Also Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Free.

## top ten movies

1. The Santa Clause 2
2. The Ring
3. I Spy
4. Jackass: The Movie
5. Ghost Ship
6. My Big Fat Greek Wedding
7. Sweet Home Alabama
8. Punch-Drunk Love
9. Red Dragon
10. Brown Sugar

**Opening This Weekend:**  
Rapper Eminem's film debut, "8 Mile," also starring Kim Basinger and Brittany Murphy.  
Source: www.imdb.com

## Quote of the Week

"You know, I'm a voter. Aren't you supposed to lie to me and kiss my butt?"  
-Ghostbusters II



Photo Courtesy Here Today  
From left: John Daubert, Bryan Holt, Mark Kazmier, Matt Murphy, Ed Dickerson, and Chip Holt make up Here Today.

## Home Grown Dorm Rock Here Today Gains Popularity On and Off Campus

By ORRIN KONHEIM  
Staff Writer

Here Today, a six-member band comprised of MWC students, has equal parts loyal fan base and critics. In a past Bulletin article, "MWC Bands Battle It Out," some of those critics spoke out against Here Today's popularity.

However, the band is worthy to be called one of the hardest working bands at the college. The group has worked together to develop over 25 songs, all of which they memorize. In addition, they practice three hours a week and have about 15 shows per semester.

"We work hard and play often but I sometimes feel we are not rewarded with publicity," said Ed Dickerson, the band's fiddler.

The best way to understand the band's popularity is to see how absorbed the crowd is at one of these shows. In a recent Halloween show at Picker's Supply Store, the band attracted a following of about 90 energetic people, some who were swaying to the music, some dancing, and some singing along word-for-word.

"It blew me away. It's positive, it's soul-searching. I really like their message," said attendee Chris Birkel.

Not all of their music is deep, however. In one of their songs, called "Pop Tarts," Dickerson sings about his favorite breakfast food. The song takes the audience through a roller coaster ride of changing tempos and provides a laugh, when Dickerson and acoustic guitarist Mark Kazmier interrupt the song to play the song "Pop Goes the Weasel." At one point, sophomore Ryan Little, a groupie, jumps on stage and sings one of the lines of the song.

Little later explained, "It was just kind of spontaneous, Eddie and I had been

talking for a little about doing that, but we didn't decide until just there."

In one song, Kazmier takes the microphone and sings while bassist Mark Murphy cranks up his amp to make his baseline heard. In the next, Dickerson steps down and takes the microphone while acoustic guitarist John Daubert harmonizes with him. The harmony isn't perfect but they both have solid voices. In fact, five members of the group can sing to varying degrees. Also, every member is part of the songwriting process, making them a true ensemble.

"The strongest part of our band is if someone can't make it, the show will go on, cause we'll be five strong," Daubert says.

The band started three years ago when Kazmier, Daubert, and Murphy started writing songs and playing them in their freshman hall. In an effort to avoid noise citations, they teamed up with upperclassman drummer Bryan Holt and started an acoustic rock band. They played their first performance at open mike night at the Underground, and things took off from there.

"We've been playing for a while, so now it's getting to the point where we're all on the same page," said Daubert.

Two new additions to the group transformed the band from the generic to a prime attraction. Classically trained electric violinist Ed Dickerson, who joined last year, is the band's X-factor. Bringing his experience as a former member of the Rappahanock Ramblers, he brings a fresh bluegrass sound to the band, which no doubt helps when you're trying to hit it big in Central Virginia.

"The fiddle player was just incredible," said attendee Ben Custalow.

The final addition to the band is Bryan's brother Chip Holt, who plays

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## Ben Folds Rocks D.C. Suburbs Tour Supports New Live Release

By JESSICA GOON  
Staff Writer

You may remember Ben Folds Five. You may remember that song "Brick," or heard "Rockin' the Suburbs" once or twice on the radio before. But it's not Ben Folds Five anymore, it's just Ben Folds and a piano.

As part of his fall 2002 tour Folds played at the Warner Theatre in Washington D.C. on Oct. 16.

The last thing you may expect to hear at a Ben Folds concert is a George Michael cover song from the 80s. But after the lights dim at the Warner Theatre on Oct. 16, and Ben Folds strolls out wearing a thrift store t-shirt and a pair of gray pants you hear just that. Folds announces to the anticipating audience that because he played in Washington D.C. just a few months ago he wanted to make sure he didn't repeat any songs.

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Photo courtesy benfolds.com  
Ben Folds dazzles the crowd with his unique piano antics during a performance.

## Are You A Jackass?

Movie Based On MTV's Hit Show  
Encourages Idiocy, Lacks Plot



By ALIZA HASLEY

Staff Writer

At one movie theater, a person climbed into the men's room ceiling over a toilet, crawled about 15 feet, and fell through the ceiling onto the sink area, causing hundreds of dollars of damage.

At another theater, someone else painted some interesting words on the back of the building, using red paint on the white walls, white paint on the red walls, and black paint on the green electric panel.

Finally, it appears that, at a local theater, someone wrote on the stall doors in the women's room with purple marker.

What do these all have in common? They were all done on the opening weekend of "jackass: the movie." It looks like people think that if it's done in the movies, people will think that it is funny in real life. Then again, I assume most viewers of "jackass" would have the same amount of intelligence as the stars of the show, which would be nil.

In any case, between these real life stunts and the underage kids sneaking into the movie through the back door, "jackass" has inspired real copycats and some interesting ideas of what comedy is.

Based on the MTV show, "jackass: the movie" is a collection of clips of a group of men acting like jackasses. The tagline, "Do not attempt this at home," is apropos.

Of course, it doesn't apply to these guys.

Johnny Knoxville, the movie's "star," and friends perform all kinds of stunts that induce extreme pain, humiliation, and sometimes horrorification of the worst degree. I'll admit, I did have the occasional guilty pleasure in watching something so awful in half-hour doses on MTV. But this was 80 minutes of awful and even nauseating vignettes.

If comedy means the perpetual urge to vomit, then "jackass: the movie" embodies that. Even their cameraman frequently upchucked his meals during stunts. I and other viewers of the movie know this because the other cameraman got up close and personal with his vomit; I think he had donuts and orange juice for breakfast one day.

But wait. Let's give this show a few more minutes. Maybe the beginning is just slow. Fade to black...focus, and you see the five guys crammed in a van talking about "going to the hardware store and sh\*\*ing in their toilet."

Unfortunately, the man voted for the job can't hold it and defecates right into his pants. Everyone scrambles out of the van in an effort to escape the smell.

The cameraman is too late, and enter another puke close-up.

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Photos courtesy yahoo.com

Top photo: "Party Boy" tries to pick up babes as a beach bunny. Bottom: The jackasses on their way to the store.



# What Do You Think About The Election Results?

Photos and Interviews by Julie Stavitski



"It was exciting because it was my first time voting."

- Rachel Pennington, sophomore



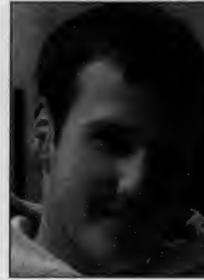
"I was ecstatic because the Republicans trumped the Democrats."

- Patrick Hiltz, junior



"I think Cooter should have won."

- Mandy Cox, junior



"I'm happy about the bond, not so much about the Republicans."

- Connor Hannigan, sophomore



"I'm happy because I'm pro-life and [the Republicans] will pass some measures."

-Audrey Moran, junior



Photo courtesy yahoo.com

Mr. Piggy kidnapped by the jackasses in their runaway golf cart.

## Guess What The Cameraman Ate For Breakfast?

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Besides the extremely crude and disgusting, the boys endeavor to include excruciatingly painful stunts. These would include bungee wedgies, firecrackers "out of the cornhole," and paper cuts between the fingers and toes. Attention: Retching may result. Please locate the nearest trashcan.

This doesn't even include the simply idiotic things that are done just to be done. After watching a clip, you sit there and think, "What the S#@%? I really didn't need to see his ass hair. Or the excessive amount of fat rolls on the big guy's back."

Hey, Johnny, here's a tip: nudity is not the answer.

If you're looking for plot, then this is the

WRONG movie for you. There's no plot at all. Thirteen plus guys run around doing stupid things to themselves and to each other. I don't know if there is an ending that is particularly significant, seeing as how I couldn't sit through more than 25 minutes of this so-called movie.

If you make it through to the end, congratulations, you are now 25% less intelligent. You're probably also 25% more likely to reenact parts of the movie. Please don't.

"jackass: the movie" was released locally Oct. 25, 2002 and was the highest grossing movie that week. Most likely, it has probably had the most kids kicked out of it.

I should know. As a movie theatre employee, I personally kicked a few out.

## Here Today Playing In The Underground Friday

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electric guitar and is arguably the group's best soloist. However, he's modest and knows when to back off when he's not being featured. He is one of two band members who are not students of Mary Washington College. His brother Bryan graduated in December of 2001 and currently works for Tidewater Public Relations. He is also one of two members in the band, along with Kazmier, who is married.

"Basically, I'm still here in Fredericksburg to play in the band," said Bryan. "We would like to make music our career. That's our dream."

The band has produced a four-song demo, the "Blank Slate", and can be seen next at the Underground on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> and after that, at Great Hall on Nov. 12. The band will also play at The Night of Elegance, a dance sponsored by Women of Color, on December 6.

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## Folds Tours To Promote Live Disc

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"But I'm sure I didn't play this one," Folds said.

Immediately he starts playing "Careless Whisper," the George Michael hit. The crowd is looking around in confusion because they don't recognize the song. Shortly after he starts playing he belts out, "I'm never gonna dance again, guilty feet ain't got no rhythm," and the entire Warner theatre erupts into a mixture of laughter and applause.

The George Michael cover set the mood for the rest of the night. Folds was chatty and told a lot of jokes and stories about the origins of his lyrics.

Before he plays "Not the Same," a song off of "Ben Folds Live," he explains that a friend of his once took acid at a party and climbed up a tree and stayed the rest of the night there. When his friend came down in the morning he was a born again Christian.

"It's where religion and drugs meet back on the other side," Folds said.

Although the Warner Theatre and holds about 1,000 people you felt like you were sitting down with a bunch of your friends

listening to Folds play piano at his house.

In a recent interview with CDNOW.com after a show in New York at the Roseland Ballroom Folds said, "What it basically comes down to is playing music for someone in your living room, and if the living room is the size of Roseland, then that's impressive, that's cool."

He played many of his new solo songs mixed in with some classic Ben Folds Five songs and covers like "Rain Drops Keep Falling on my Head" and the theme to Mr. Rogers Neighborhood.

Folds isn't your typical rock star. His songs aren't playing on the radio or MTV and he'll probably never sell out Madison Square Garden. In fact when Folds asked his crew to bring the house lights up during part of the show that first thing he said was, "Whoa, there are a lot of y'all out there."

Folds is in the middle of a tour across the United States to promote the release of his CD "Ben Folds Live" which went on sale Oct 8. For more information on his current tour or his live disc, check his website, [www.benfolds.com](http://www.benfolds.com)



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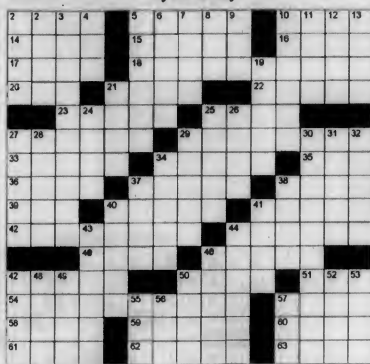
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## Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



- 5 Advancing by inches  
 6 Not restrained  
 7 Happy tune  
 8 Leprechaun, e.g.  
 9 Petite Big Apple  
 10 Large lizard  
 11 Pub missile  
 12 Additional  
 13 Visionary  
 19 Sunshine State city  
 21 Sharpen  
 24 Hue  
 25 Porridge  
 26 Type of cheese  
 27 Active  
 28 Irritate by rubbing  
 29 Precedes bar or oil  
 30 Jazz locale  
 31 Roguc  
 32 Flower  
 34 Skinned  
 37 Destitute  
 38 Irish playwright  
 40 Chevy for one

- 41 Lampblack  
 43 Gabby  
 44 Ludicrously odd  
 46 Rope plant  
 47 Cob  
 48 Cleveland's locale  
 49 Ruckuses  
 50 Boring  
 52 Teen's woe  
 53 Bellow  
 55 Concealed  
 56 Yoko \_\_\_\_\_  
 57 Greek letter

## Quotable Quote

*We're not lost. We're just locationally challenged.*

• • • John M. Ford

## Everybody Else Is Against War, Why Isn't Bush?

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It would be a mistake to go to war with Iraq for this reason. Remembering that Hussein seeks to hold and retain power, he has no incentive to actually use any of the nasty things in his arsenal because he knows that American retaliation would likely be swift and total. For this same reason, he has no incentive to fob off weapons of mass destruction to passing terrorists because possessing them makes him more powerful and because he knows that if they were actually used, it would be the end of his political career.

We also run the risk of provoking him to use them were we to invade. Understanding that he has nothing to lose, he would likely order that they be released in the direction of American troops, in the hopes of hurting us just as badly as we hurt him.

However, the results would be worse if he fired biological or chemical weapons at Israel. While the al-Husayn rockets Iraq used in the Gulf War carries a payload of only 100 pounds, 100 pounds of mustard gas or anthrax would be enough to provoke Israel to bomb Iraq. This action would, obviously, turn the entire Arab world against Israel and the U.S., and may itself cause a far broader war.

It has been reported that, if Iraq could attain a "sufficient amount" of enriched uranium, it could build a nuclear weapon within "six to 12 months." However, the operative phrase is "attain a sufficient amount," because, let's face it: any nation could build a nuclear weapon given enough enriched uranium. Therein lies the rub: where is Hussein going to get it from?

I believe that Hussein does, in fact, possess some biological and chemical weapon capability. However, I do not believe that it is a credible pretext for an invasion. Instead, we must focus our efforts on gaining U.N. weapons inspectors' free range within Iraq and ensuring Iraqi authorities do not harass them.

Many have said that weapons inspections do not work, and that the proof is in the fact that Hussein ejected the weapons inspectors in 1998. The weapons inspectors were never ejected from Iraq. In fact, some of the weapons inspectors were spying for the U.S.; for this reason, Iraq did not cooperate with them. However, it would have been an entirely valid reason for expulsion. These are some of the issues that must be

addressed to get the weapons inspectors back into Iraq, and the Iraqis must have reasonable assurances that none of the inspectors are spying. We must be prepared to accept that as reasonable.

Lastly, there is little evidence that the president or his advisors are thinking about a post-Saddam Iraq. Just by being there, we would unleash waves of instability that might result in a huge Middle East war.

There are seven distinct ethnic groups in Iraq, including the Kurds. Because of these huge regional differences, it may prove to be next to impossible to form a strong central government. If Afghanistan was hard, this will prove to be much more difficult. Without a strong central government, the Kurds would probably declare an independent Kurdistan.

The problem is that Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Syria are all opposed to the creation of this state (all have sizable Kurdish minorities). In one scenario, they would unite to defeat the Kurdish state, and then begin fighting among themselves for the pieces. It would be a mess.

There has been no reckoning of the final cost of reconstructing Iraq, were our venture prove to be successful. It would likely be in the range

of tens of billions of dollars, if not hundreds. Furthermore, the ability of the Iraqi National Congress to take control of Iraq following the ouster of Hussein is a joke. They have no appeal or support base inside Iraq, and any government they formed would be highly unstable and seen as illegitimate and as a puppet

regime of the U.S. For this reason, the government would fall.

I believe our administration should not be pursuing an invasion and occupation of Iraq, for the reasons outlined above. I believe that Hussein does not pose enough of a threat to American interests to justify a vendetta to remove him from power. Hussein is no Hitler: he is the ruler of a severely crippled country with a shattered economy and no infrastructure. He has no navy, and out of 40,000 overflights, not a single plane has been shot down. It is not likely that he will pose a credible threat in the future unless he is left to his own devices for a few more years.

For these reasons, it is important to get weapons inspectors back inside Iraq. However, war should not be a serious option.

Jeffrey Cavano is a senior.

**"There is something very seriously wrong with the world when I find Pat Buchanan to be thoughtful and insightful."**

Jeffrey Cavano

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Marie McAlister reads poetry by Horace Combs 139 5 PM						



# Administration Of BLS Program Disperses Duties Given To Existing Administrators In George Washington Hall

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Tyler Hall has been a little emptier this October as three out of four Bachelor of Liberal Studies employees, including the director, have left Mary Washington College. However, academic administrators in George Washington Hall said they have realigned their job duties to keep the BLS program functioning.

"Each of us is taking on a new task," said Phillip Hall, vice president of Academic Affairs and dean of the Faculty. "While we will be busy, we are confident that this approach is manageable and that it will provide the direction necessary for the BLS Program."

According to Hall, Registrar Susan Stevenson, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs John Morello, and Hall himself have each acquired new job responsibilities to keep the BLS program running. The College has also hired a new BLS academic counselor and expects to hire a program support technician.

Hall said Stevenson is now the director of the BLS program, through which students aged 24 years and older earn bachelors degrees. She fills a month-long void, as Patricia Tracy resigned from her position as director of the BLS program and assistant dean of Academic Services Sept. 24, according to Associate Dean of Academic Services JoAnn Schraas.

"Susan will relinquish her role as Director of the Summer Session, and John Morello will take on that duty," Hall said. "I will take over John's current duties with respect to reviewing student academic appeals."

As the college grapples with state budget cuts, Hall said these changes will allow the program to continue without paying for new employees. That means the director's salary, which Human Resources quoted at \$52,930, need not be paid.

The three administrators have not received salary increases, and they expect to fill these roles until the end of the academic year.

The college did hire a new academic counselor, Mary Cullinan, after the previous counselor, Sandra Melick, left on Sept. 7. According to Human Resources, Melick received \$14,24 per hour for her counseling work.



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BLS Academy Counselor Mary Cullinan in front of Tyler Hall Wednesday.

"Mary has a master's in counseling from the University of Texas at San Antonio, and we are happy that she will be able to start work with us very soon," Hall said.

According to college officials, Cullinan began work in Tyler Hall Oct. 28.

Lucy Czarnik's prior role as program support technician is the third empty spot, but Morello said her desk could be filled within the next few weeks. Mary Washington College's Human Resources department has closed its call for applicants, interviewed several candidates, and expects to make an offer soon.

Czarnik resigned her \$22,000 salary on Aug. 24.

For a month, the sole employee in Tyler Hall was data entry clerk Suzanne Hardesty, who took on some of the three missing employees' job responsibilities.

Hardesty said that during October, before the recent decisions, two other college employees added Tracy's duties to their existing daily work.

"We have Schraas and John Morello sharing responsibility," she said. "We can still meet students' needs."

Before Cullinan became the new advising counselor, non-BLS undergraduates had to trek to George Washington Hall with registration, course selection, or other academic concerns. Hall and Morello temporarily advised about 20 BLS students each, and Schraas

and registrar Susan Stevenson divided the other 40 students between themselves.

Some BLS students were unaware of these changes.

Tom Sawyer said he did not know about the administrators taking up new duties until he had a concern. He went to Tyler Hall and was surprised to be directed to George Washington Hall.

BLS major Terry Norton and Bullet staff writer said she was unaware of the move as well.

"No one told me who to see for BLS advice," she said.

Hall wants the changes known. In an email to college faculty and staff, he wrote, "Please pass this word along, especially to the BLS students who are your advisees."

The sudden dispersal of Tracy's duties came as quickly as Tracy left.

According to Schraas, Morello, and Hardesty, Tracy gave no explicit reason why after eight years at Mary Washington, she chose to leave.

"I always had a good working relationship with her," Hardesty said. "She was always very helpful and professional. I hated to see her go."

Some BLS students, though, had a different opinion. "With her leaving, things won't get worse," Norton said. "I have been singularly unimpressed with Tracy."

Tracy began her career at Mary Washington as Director of Disability Services on Aug. 16, 1994. Morello said he first met her when he arrived at the college in 1989, but the two did not interact frequently until Aug. 2001, when she became both Director of BLS and Assistant Dean of Academic Services.

Tracy, when appointed as director, entered a tradition over 20 years old. College officials first proposed a BLS-like program in 1976, and it garnered enough support to be mentioned in the 1978-1980 college catalogue, according to Morello. Mary Pinschmidt, for whom the Pinschmidt Teaching Award is named, was the first director.

"There's always been leadership in the program," Morello said. "Commitment to BLS is every bit as strong as it always has been."

Hall said the new setup, with Stevenson as director and Morello and himself with new job duties, could ultimately become permanent.

## Combs Hall Heatless Due To Water Failure Faculty And Students Recount Chilling Tale Of Survival

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It was barely 40 degrees outside last Wednesday, but the air wasn't much warmer in Combs Hall.

"The controls for the hot water weren't working right," said Assistant Vice President for Facilities Services John Wiltenmuth.

Because of the hot water issues, newly renovated Combs Hall suffered a day without heat, adding another bite to the cold temperature outside. Facilities Services responded quickly to the problem and the heating system was providing heat to the building by the next day.

In fact, the swift action caught many, like Senior Lecturer Constance Smith, by surprise.

"I dressed warmly on Thursday, but by then the heat was back on," Smith said.

Smith said that she noticed many others who were similarly prepared. And were caught off-guard by the sudden heat.

Other professors reported that the ordeal taught them a lesson about preparation, and about sharing. Professor of Modern Foreign Languages Sammy Merrill now keeps a jacket in his office just in case, but says that the cold day made no impression on him. He had forgotten about what happened. As a cold breeze comes from his open windows, Merrill adds that the now-functioning heating system has more than made up for it.

Assistant Professor Tim Waltonen agreed that the cold classrooms did not deter from class at all.

"My fingers were cold, but you just have to grin and bear it," he said. "[It was just a] minor and temporary thing."

Temporary though it was, other professors rallied with measures to protect themselves. Several reports were made that Assistant Professor Marie McAllister brought a space heater to a department meeting and shared it with her colleagues.

Associate Professor Teresa Kennedy also came prepared with her Merino blanket. She commented, however, that Combs needed no heating system as the English Department "provides enough hot air for everyone."

Most people at Mary Washington College are happy about the return of the heat and a return to their normal lives.

Freshman Steve Biel vividly recalls that the sudden combination of the rain and the cold left him ill-equipped for the day.

"You want to take off wet clothes and unlather, because it was raining outside, but it was cold inside," Biel said.

Junior Gillian Sciaccia agreed.

"The cold was distracting," she said.

Should this same situation present itself again, Kennedy said she was confident she could face the cold again.

"There's no reason we shouldn't face this situation with fortitude and courage," Kennedy said.

Fortunately, Wiltenmuth reports that this situation is easily rectified and does not pose a continual problem.

"When you have a newly constructed or renovated building, small kinks do occur," Wiltenmuth said. He also said that as more time is spent living in and using the new hall, small malfunctions like the hot water malfunctioning will arise and be dealt with quickly.



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A now toasty third floor of Combs Hall.

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